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~~16.~~ (Amended). A process of preparing an adsorbent for removing low and/or very low density lipoprotein from body fluid in extracorporeal circulation treatment comprising a water-insoluble porous hard gel with exclusion limit of 10^6 to 10^9 daltons on which a sulfated compound is immobilized, wherein said water-insoluble porous hard gel is reacted with epichlorhydrin or a [polyoxyrane] polyoxirane compound to introduce epoxy groups on to the gel, and then the resulting epoxy-activated gel is reacted with the sulfated compound; said sulfated compound being a compound obtained by sulfation of a hydroxy-containing compound.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 and claim 6 has been cancelled. In addition, claim 16 has been amended to further define the sulfated compound consistent with the definition previously presented in claim 6 and the spelling of the word "polyoxirane" has been corrected in line 8 of the claim. In view of these amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 13-18 are no longer rejectable under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and that claims 16-20 are no longer rejectable under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-20 stand provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 26, 27, 34-36 and 38 of copending application, serial No. 557,061.